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WASHINGTON (AP) - INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN B. ANDERSON AND HIS RUNNING-MATE, PATRICK J. LUCEY, GOT A TWO-HOUR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING SUNDAY ON THE FIGHTING BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ FROM CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER.

THE CLASSIFIED BRIEFING, IF NOTHING ELSE, GAVE THE APPEARANCE, IF NOT THE REALITY, OF EQUAL STANDING WITH MAJOR PARTY RIVALS RONALD REAGAN AND PRESIDENT CARTER.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE REAGAN AND HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE, GEORGE BUSH, RECEIVED A SIMILAR BRIEFING SATURDAY FROM TURNER.

ANDERSON DECLINED TO SAY WHAT HE LEARNED DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH TURNER AND SENIOR CIA OFFICIALS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE AND LUCEY "FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT WE GET THE LATEST INFORMATION WE COULD ON THESE MATTERS BECAUSE FROM TIME TO TIME, WE ARE REQUIRED TO COMMENT."

ANDERSON SAID THE BRIEFING COVERED THE GENERAL U.S. ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST; THE FIGHTING IN IRAN AND IRAQ; PLUS INFORMATION ON THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN.

DURING HIS INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, ANDERSON HAS BEEN SHARPLY CRITICAL OF CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICIES. ASKED IF HE LEARNED ANYTHING DURING THE BRIEFING TO EASE THE LEVEL OF THAT CRITICISM, ANDERSON SAID NO.

ON MONDAY, ANDERSON BEGINS A FULL WEEK OF CAMPAIGNING THROUGH ILLINOIS, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK, ENDING WITH A LIBERAL PARTY DINNER IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE LIBERAL PARTY IN NEW YORK HAS ENDORSED ANDERSON FOR PRESIDENT, COMPLICATING CARTER'S RE-ELECTION CHANCES THERE AND GIVING A CURRENT LEAD IN PUBLIC OPINION POLLS IN THE STATE.

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